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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. As this application was filed after June 30, 2003, no copies of the cited U.S. patents or patent application are enclosed, however, one copy of each foreign reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 to Applicants with the next Office communication, indicating that the references have been considered, per MPEP § 609.

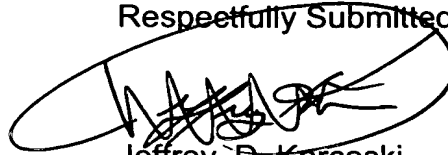
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These references were cited in an International Search Report, dated October 29, 2004 in a corresponding foreign application. U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0097079 corresponds to WO 02/23609, which is written in Japanese. An English abstract is provided for WO 02/23609 and, together with U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0097079, is relied upon for a statement of relevance for the non-English reference.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Written Opinion for the corresponding International application, in which the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) analyzes

the cited references in the International application regarding the PCT criteria of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.

Respectfully Submitted,

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